

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the Western Wayne County Conservation Club, a group dedicated to the preservation and continuation of outdoor sporting for all generations, upon reaching their 70th anniversary of the club's establishment.

The Western Wayne County Conservation Club provides many services to the Michigan community. The Club has created more opportunities for outdoor sporting with their sponsorship of a launching trap and skeet fields, a 3-D walk-thru archery range, and a black powder group with a walk-thru range. Additionally, The Wayne County Conservation Club has fundraisers for the Pinkerton School for the Blind, the Rouge River Clean-up, hunter education classes, Girl Scout and Boy Scout camping activities, and for the University of Michigan Burn Center.

The Western Wayne County Conservation Club has been recognized for their dedication to outdoor sports. The Club has received prominent awards including the President's Award from the National Wildlife Federations, North American Hunter's Safety Award, and the National Rifle Association President's Award. To the Michigan community, the Wayne County Conservation Club is an organization dedicated to their goals, committed to serving their community and defending Americans' Second Amendment Rights.

Madam Speaker, the Western Wayne County Conservation Club is a group which has mastered outdoor sporting and has excelled in using their mission to help other community organizations. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Western Wayne County Conservation Club for reaching 70 years as an organization and honoring the group's devoted service to the community and our country.

CONGRATULATING BRIAR BUSH NATURE CENTER ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to congratulate Briar Bush Nature Center on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Briar Bush Nature Center is a true testament to community outreach and wildlife preservation, both in its work over the past century and in its very roots.

In 1908, a Quaker couple, Everett and Florence Griscom, fell in love with a twelve acre plot in the heart of Abington, Pennsylvania.

They found the area so beautiful that they began inviting friends and family to spend days with them in the tranquil area and soon, local children and adults began flocking to the refuge that the Griscoms had fondly named "Briar Bush."

After the Griscoms passed away, area residents led by T. Russell Frank established the "Friends of Briar Bush" organization, which was instrumental in encouraging the Township to acquire the land in 1962. The Friends of Briar Bush carried on the Griscoms' mission by offering the woodland retreat as a Natural Education Center for local children and adults.

Over the years, Briar Bush has become an important facet of the Abington Community. In 2000, the Center implemented a renovation project to make the Center even more visitor-friendly and expanded their education programs, which has enabled the Center to serve over 47,000 visitors annually.

Briar Bush programs have received numerous awards, including "Best of Philly." The Briar Bush day camp is currently in the running for a Nickelodeon "Parents Pick Award" for the best day camp for small children.

The Briar Bush Nature Center is a true Abington community treasure. It is my pleasure to stand before you to honor this special organization for achieving its' 100th anniversary milestone. It is my most sincere hope that Briar Bush will continue to educate our community about the joy of nature for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DISASTER RECOVERY AND RELIEF EFFORTS IN DEARBORN COUNTY

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and recognize the extraordinary contributions of emergency management, disaster response, and recovery personnel as well as elected officials and community leaders in my district which was devastated by the recent severe weather in Indiana.

I wish particularly to honor the Board of Commissioners, County Council, and all the other outstanding individuals in Dearborn County who rose to the occasion during these difficult times. This area suffered greatly from severe storms and weather, creating a catastrophe of nature that inflicted injuries, destroyed property, and displaced many of our citizens. In response, these officials went above and beyond the call of duty, showing great poise while saving many lives and serving the people of their communities.

Madam Speaker, I commend these fine men and women for their tremendous dedication to the Hoosier families, businesses, farmers and communities that they serve. As Hoosiers continue to recover from Mother Nature's fury, I

feel confident that the people of Dearborn County will be well served by these officials.

RECOGNITION OF ENERGY, CITIZENS, AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION FOR INDIANA AND AMERICA EVENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Energy, Citizens, and Economic Transformation for Indiana and America event held on July 7, 2008, sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Energy Center. This conference brought together leaders in energy research from the University of Notre Dame, the U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Purdue University, the state of Indiana, and academic think tanks.

The University of Notre Dame Energy Center was established in 2005 to develop new technologies for energy efficiency, safe nuclear waste storage, clean coal utilization, CO₂ separation and sequestration, and alternative renewable energy sources. The Center also plays a key role in energy education and literacy, affecting energy policy and exploring the ethical implications associated with energy sources, availability and policy. It involves approximately 25 faculty members in the Colleges of Engineering, Science, Arts & Letters and Business. The Notre Dame Energy Center and its faculty members have funding support from the U.S. Department of Energy and extensive collaborations with researchers at Sandia, Argonne National Labs and the National Energy Technology Laboratory.

Meeting U.S. energy needs in an environmentally sustainable manner without jeopardizing economic growth or national security interests through undue reliance on foreign energy sources is arguably our most demanding challenge. Achieving this goal will require multiple solutions and strategies. To meet this challenge, the University of Notre Dame, through their Energy Center and conferences such as this, combines existing research expertise and new research infrastructure with visionary thinkers from both Indiana and the federal government.

A collaboration also is currently being undertaken by the Notre Dame Energy Center that addresses the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, which is a resource that is very important to the Northwest Indiana community. This project seeks to provide energy-related consulting services to the park during the coming summer months that will promote the responsible use of an irreplaceable national treasure. As part of the project, students will track and quantify the cost savings related to energy use reduction and lower greenhouse gas emissions. This collaboration will help preserve the unique ecosystem of the Indiana

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